

SEES HANDICAP IN MEEKNESS

Writer Unable to Figure Out in What Way It May Be Assumed to Be Blessed.

The other day I met a man with a hard luck story. In order to reduce expenses his firm was cutting salaries. This man's had been cut in half.

"You threw the offer at them?" I asked.

"No, how could I?"

"Then you practically admitted that you were only worth the lower salary?"

"No, but what could I do?"

What could he do? Good lands!

What would you do if that happened to you? I know what I'd do! I'd throw the offer in their teeth and get my hat and coat and get out if I had to get a wheelbarrow and peddle shoe strings. I'd go around to another firm and ask them to start me in at the lower wage until I made good. No man has to eat humble pie unless he isn't fit for anything better. The man who stands for a cut in his salary stands for something worse. It means that the path to success is closing against him and that the chance of a future raise is mighty slim.

Oh, yes, there may be wife and children, but if they do have to eat dry bread for a while it won't kill them. The man who has grit enough to refuse a reduction in salary won't have to struggle long before he's on his feet again. It shows that the pioneer spirit within him is still strong and that he still has some fight left. Blessed are the meek, but New York is no place for them.—New York Times.

REAL JOY IN SHORT HAIR

Girl Art Student Declares There Are Many Compensations for Being Without Curls.

She sat there in the center of the room looking for all the world like a page in a medieval castle. She looked that way because, like Samson, she had lost her hair. In her case, however, it came about through no duplicity. She herself had had it done.

The hair was not cut close to the head. On the contrary, it hung about her delicate pre-Raphaelite face in short "boxed" strands of childhood.

"Saves me a lot of trouble," remarked this girl, who, of course, was an art student. "I save I don't know how much time by not having to do a cascade and side curls. Of course, the barber that cut my hair thought I was mad. But I don't care—it will grow long again. And in the meanwhile—ah, what a joy it is to wash!"

GREAT IMPROVEMENT.

"Some day we'll be going to the north pole by airship," remarked the scientist.

"Yes," replied the chatter girl. "That will improve matters so much! When anybody starts to discover the pole he can send a party ahead so as to have referees on the spot."

NOT COLOR BLIND.

Jonas—What do you think of the gals turning their hair blue and purple?

Silas—I don't bother much about their topknots, just so they have green backs.

CONFLICT OF LAWS.

Emersonian—Do you believe in the law of compensation?

Poor Man—I do; but I also am convinced of the law's delays.—Judge.

CONVENIENT NAP.

Mike—Pat, are you asleep?

Pat—I'm not.

Mike—Lend me 50 cents.

Pat—I'm asleep.—Scrip.

SOME DISTANCE.

Church—Some women make money go a long ways.

Gotham—Sure; my wife made some of mine go as far as Reno.

PROOF OF IT.

"Is your son dead in earnest about his love for the military?"

"He must be. He's joined the malicious corps."

MISTAKEN PLACE.

"I am going to the beauty parlor to get a few wrinkles."

"Why, I thought that was where they took them out."

WRITER'S FRIENDS AND FOES

Work of Charles Robert Maturin Commended and Condemned by Critics Who Differed Greatly.

We live in days when any man of letters who can be represented as a literary "influence" is sure to find a biographer, and it is not surprising to see the announcement of a work on the life and writings of Charles Robert Maturin. Mr. N. Idman writes to the Athenaeum, asking for the loan of any letters or documents relating to Maturin, to be employed in a study of that writer in which he is engaged. Maturin is now chiefly remembered by the attack made on his play, "Bertram," in Coleridge's "Biographia Literaria." Coleridge describes "Bertram" as "a superfetation of blasphemy upon nonsense," and says that "its hero's best deed is having saved his betters from the degradation of hanging him, by turning Jack Ketch to himself." Scott and Byron took a very different view of the tragedy, and it was by their influence that it was successfully produced by Kemble at Drury Lane. "It is one of those things," wrote Scott, "which will either succeed greatly or be damned gloriously, for its merits are marked, deep and striking, and its faults of a nature obnoxious to ridicule." Among other famous admirers of Maturin were Balzac and Rossetti. Balzac borrowed from Maturin's novel, "Melmoth," for one of his own early works.—London Nation.

DEFINITION



Mr. Newpop—What is a bore, anyway?

Mr. Oldpop—A man who tells you the smart things his baby boy said, when you want to tell him the smart things yours said.

CARELESS CITY EDITOR.

Reporter—That's a nice way to make an assignment, isn't it? I'm ordered to get up a column of "Slaughter Statistics."

Friend—Well?

Reporter—Well, I don't know whether I'm to write up the abattoirs or the grade crossings.—New York Weekly.

THE LIVING PRESENT.

"I suppose your admiring friends will raise a monument for you some time?"

"I hope not," replied Senator Sorghum. "I'd rather have 'em take the subscriptions right now and turn 'em into a campaign fund."

AS THE PACE SLACKENS.

"How is that investigation coming on?"

"It was too interesting to start with. At first the members of the committee couldn't sleep at night. Now we can't keep 'em awake in the daytime."

RUSHING IT THROUGH.

"They say it takes two days to do Venice thoroughly."

"We'll divide the town. You take half and I'll take half. Thus we'll do it in a day."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

THEIR SPECIALTY.

"It is strange that Chinese lantern illuminations achieve a success."

"Why shouldn't they?"

"Because they're always hanging fire."

HIS CLASS.

"There goes a man of sterling achievements."

"Who is he?"

"A silversmith."

VERY LIKELY.

"What's the matter with that dray horse?"

"He looks like he has been dreaming he dealt in marble hauls."

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